

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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--A network managing method provides a device list with which device information with regard to a plurality of devices is arranged in order and displayed for every device. A type of at least one device information to be displayed in the device list is designated from among a plurality of types of predetermined device information capable of being displayed in the device list. A type of the device information to be used as display criteria is also designated in the case where a plurality of devices are arranged in order in the device list. The device information of the type designated as the display criteria is controlled to be displayed in the device list even if the designated display criteria is not included in the type of information designated for display in the list.--